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SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS OF 1500 (EDT) JULY 20

THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN SEVERAL CYPRUS CITIES WHILE THE TURKS CLAIM SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY SUCCESS. THE TURKS CLAIM THE CAPTURE OF NORTHERN NICOSIA AND OF KYRENIA AND THE CONTROL OF THE KYRENIA-NICOSIA ROAD. A UN-ARRANGED CEASEFIRE BEGAN AT 1700 IN EXTENSIVE SECTIONS OF CENTRAL NICOSIA

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(WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE AIRPORT). A LATE AFTERNOON REPORT INDICATED THAT THE CITY WAS QUIET. THE TURKS HAVE REPORTEDLY LAUNCHED A MAJOR TANK OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE NICOSIA AIRPORT. FIGHTING IS REPORTED IN FAMAGUSTA AROUND THE OLD CITY. REPORTEDLY, THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD HAS ATTACKED THE TURKISH ENCLAVE IN PAPHOS, AND IN LIMASSOL 10,000 TURKISH CYPRIOTS HAVE SURRENDERED.

UNITED STATES. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GREECE WILL ACCEPT A U.K. INVITATION FOR TALKS IN LONDON IF TURKEY ACCEPTS A CEASEFIRE AND CONFINES ITS FORCES TO TURKISH ENCLAVES. HE SAID THAT THE ROAD TO NEGOTIATIONS

IS OPEN AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE TURKS WOULD AGREE TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO LONDON. THE SECRETARY ADDED THAT ONE U.S. AIRBORNE IN EUROPE HAS BEEN PLACED ON ALERT AS A NORMAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TAKEN IN TIME OF CRISIS.

THE U.S. HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT WE REGRET THE MILITARY ACTION BY TURKEY JUST AS WE DEPLORE THE PREVIOUS ACTION BY GREECE THAT PRECIPITATED THE CRISIS. THE SECRETARY IS IN CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AT SAN CLEMENTE AS HE IS WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS.

UNITED NATIONS. IN THE U.N. AND ELSEWHERE, THE U.S. IS PRESSING FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE AND IS SUPPORTING A BRITISH PROPOSAL FOR A CONFERENCE OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS IN LONDON.

TURKEY. THE TURKS SUPPORT THE RESTORATION OF CONSTIT-UTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN CYPRUS, BUT THEY HAVE NOT COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO MAKARIOS' RETURN. MARTIAL LAW HAS BEEN DECLARED IN TURKEY, AND TURKISH AIRSPACE HAS BEEN CLOSED FOREIGN CIVILIAN AND MILITARY TRAFFIC.

GREECE. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS REPORTEDLY RESIGNED AND BEEN REPLACED BY A MILITARY GOVERNMENT. GREEK AIRSPACE HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT EXCEPT OLYMPIC AIRLINES.

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MAKARIOS. IN NEW YORK THE ARCHBISHOP DENOUNCED THE TURKI-SH INVASION WHICH HE LABELED "UNJUSTIFIED". HE SAID THAT DIPLOMATIC MEANS HAD NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED AND CALLED ON THE U.N. AND THE GREAT POWERS TO PUT AN END TO THIS "TRAGIC SITUATION".

NATO. AT THE SECOND NAC MEETING OF THE MORNING THE ALLIES BROADLY SUPPORTED THE U.K. INITIATIVE TO BRING THE GREEKS AND TURKS TO LONDON AND SECONDED PRESIDENT NIXON'S CALL ON ALL PARTIES TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT.

EC-NINE. THE NINE HAVE AGREED TO A DEMARCHE IN THE NAME OF THE NINE TO GREECE AND TURKEY WHICH WOULD SUPPORT THE U.K. INITIATIVE, URGE NO FURTHER ESCALATION, AND CALL FOR A RETURN TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. INGERSOLL

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